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November 17, 2008

Dear Dr. Collins:

It is an honor to officially inform you that you have been selected by the Western New York Women's History Selection Committee to be inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame. You are being inducted in recognition of your sustained, outstanding performance and superior service to the Western New York community. Congratulations!

As the committee read your nomination packet submitted by Madeline O. Scott, your selection became an obvious choice. As Ms. Scott stated, "Dr. Collins is one of a few non-fiction writers with an exclusive focus on issues that impact the lives of African American women... Dr. Collins is determined to help educate women on how to survive in the United States of America." Clearly, you are a significant role model, and can well be proud of the high level of confidence in your abilities and accomplishments that induction represents.

This year, you will be honored at the 13th Annual Western New York Women's Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Buffalo. At that time, you will have the opportunity to make brief remarks when you accept the reward.

Soon, Pat Swift MacClennan, a member of the selection committee, will contact you and request your input for a brief autobiography and photographs. You will come as our guest, and we invite you to bring a guest and to plan to arrive by 11:00 AM so that photographs can be taken. As invitations will be going out soon, if you wish, do send a guest list of family, friends and organizations that you would like the Hall of Fame to make aware of this award. Your guests will receive an invitation with the details of the luncheon along with the cost of a ticket, which is \$40. Please forward your list by December 10, 2009 to: Dr. Geraldine E. Bard, WNY Women's Hall of Fame, 7954 Transit Road PMB 205 Buffalo, NY 14221, or you may contact her by e-mail at bardge@buffalostate.edu, or phone at (716)628-3739.

In addition, please be aware that the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame has a permanent home in the foyer of Rockwell Hall Auditorium at Buffalo State College, where a plaque bearing a likeness and biography of you will be added to those of previous honorees.

Once again; the selection process this year was a most difficult one, but, the selection committee readily agreed upon you. This community, for which we all labor and from which we draw our personal and professional satisfaction, has certainly been enriched by you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Geraldine E. Bard

Geraldine E. Bard, Co-Chair
Western New York Women's Hall of Fame

cc: Ms. Madeline O. Scott